

# MEEKER COOPERATIVE PIONEER

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**Cooperative**  
Light and Power Association

**VIBRANT**  
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## *K&B Kreeside Orchard Fresh Produce Locally Grown*

South of Litchfield not too far down Highway 22 on the east side of the road is a rustic red and white sign that says "K&B Kreeside Orchard". It's at the end of a long driveway that leads you to a modest home, a garage, and a small produce store. Here you will find Kevin and Betty Issendorf hand-picking pumpkins, apples, raspberries, squash, gourds, and other produce, and preparing them for sale.

During the mid-to-late summer and into the fall, Kevin and Betty sell their produce at K&B Kreeside Orchard and local Farmer's Markets in Hutchinson and Litchfield.

Kevin gave us a tour through the pumpkin patch where he grows four varieties of pumpkins. Some are for decoration and some are great for pies. Kevin stopped growing the really big ones because, he said, "people would come out and buy the really big ones and I had to pick that doggone thing up and put it in their trunk, so I finally decided I'm not doing *that* anymore!"

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**"ENERGIZING AND CONNECTING...ENHANCING YOUR LIFE."**



# DIRECTOR DISTRICTS

Every 10 years the United States undertakes a census. Shortly afterward, the State and local governments attempt to redistrict the boundaries for the various government elected positions per any shifts in the population.

Just like our State and local governments do for establishing boundaries for elected positions, Meeker Co-op examines its board districts on a 10-year basis to ensure the membership within each district is as equal as reasonable.

The current nine Director Districts and the policy governing them was established in 2002. They were reviewed in 2012 and now again in May of this year. To keep any potential bias out the board of directors established a Director District Review Committee to review the number of members within each director district.

Below is a map showing the number of members in each township of the Co-op's service territory.

The Committee had goals and guidelines to follow per the Cooperative policy. Those guidelines and goals included the following:

- The total number of Cooperative members in each district will strive to be within +/-10% of the average number of members (total members divided by 9).
  - Keep townships whole (within each district).
  - Each district to have contiguous boundaries.
  - If the sum of all Cooperative members outside of the +/- 10% level is found to be less than 5% of the total membership, no redistricting shall be necessary.
- Above is a graph illustrating the number of members in each director district, the variance in members from the average and possible member adjustments either to add or remove needed in each district to get to the average. The membership count was from March 1st of this year. It was the same list used for the Annual Meeting Membership.
- After review of the membership statistics within each township and director

District	Actual Total	Average	Variance	District Variance%	Max to Add*	Max to Remove**
1	799	874	(75)	-9%	162	12
2	812	874	(62)	-8%	149	25
3	935	874	61	7%	26	148
4	867	874	(7)	-1%	94	80
5	1060	874	186	18%	(99)	273
6	750	874	(124)	-17%	211	(37)
7	773	874	(101)	-13%	188	(14)
8	1064	874	190	18%	(103)	277
9	802	874	(72)	-9%	159	15
Grand Total 7862			Variance total		253 members or 3.2% of total membership	

- Maximum membership per district: 874 + 87 (10% of average) = 961
- Minimum membership per district: 874 - 87 (10% of average) = 787
- 5% of total membership = 393 members

\*Max to Add – if a negative number count needs to be reduced to reach maximum  
\*\*Max to Remove – if a negative number count needs to be increased to reach minimum

district as a whole the committee unanimously agreed and made the recommendation to the board that with slightly over 3% of the members being outside the +/- 10% range the Cooperative director districts should remain as is.

The board concurred with the Committee recommendation. So, for the next 10 years the director districts will remain as they currently are. Now if we could only get our political leaders to work together in such a nonpartisan manner when it comes to their redistricting every ten years it would be a good start.



## DID YOU KNOW?

In 1923 the first formal high school driver education course, including road instruction, was established in Gilbert, Minnesota.

## DIRECTOR DISTRICT REVIEW COMMITTEE



Left to Right:

Bill Book – District 5, David Lundin – District 9, Roger Osborne – District 2, Kevin Donnay – District 3, Marshall Carlson – District 4, Edward Mikelson – District 6

Not Pictured:

Art Riehle – District 8, Vicki Jenniges – District 1, and Patrick Selchert – District 7



## DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR



The Meeker Co-operative Light & Power Association Board of Directors would like to introduce Jesse Turck as the newly appointed Director for District 9.

Jesse is from Forest City Township. He and his wife moved back to the area after being away for 25 years. They built an energy-efficient all electric home on the foundation of his grandfather's farmhouse with input from Meeker Cooperative on several systems.

Jesse is currently on the Meeker County Planning Commission, and has experience on several boards.

Jesse brings his expertise as an Architect and his experience with climate projects and electrical efficiency to the Co-op's board.

He and his family are also a VIBRANT Broadband subscriber and he is excited that Meeker Co-op can offer high-speed Internet to our rural communities.

Jesse is community focused and wants to be part of Meeker's future to bring affordable electricity and Internet access to our members.

Please welcome Jesse to the Meeker Cooperative Board of Directors.

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES IN DISTRICTS 1, 2, 6, AND 9

Member-owned. Local leadership. Your Co-operative's Board of Directors is made up of nine Cooperative Members elected to serve from throughout the Cooperative's service territory which is divided into nine districts. Directors are elected by you, the Member-owners.

At the 2023 Annual meeting, the director seats in Districts 1, 2 and 6 are up for election following the normal rotation of districts for election. The district 9 seat is also up for election to fill the unexpected opening for that unexpired term. The seat for district 9 will also be up for election in 2024 as part of the prescribed rotation of districts.

These districts are made up of the following townships:

### District 1

Roseville and Irving in Kandiyohi County; Paynesville in Stearns County; Union Grove in Meeker County.

### District 2

Harvey and Manannah in Meeker County; Eden Lake in Stearns County.

### District 6

East Lake Lillian, Fahlun, Genessee, Harrison, Kandiyohi, and Lake Elizabeth in Kandiyohi County; Acton, Cosmos, Danielson and Swede Grove in Meeker; Boon Lake and Brookfield in Renville County.

### District 9

Forest City, Kingston, and North Kingston in Meeker County.

Members in these districts that are interested in being placed on the ballot, and meet the qualifications identified in the bylaws, must submit a completed Meeker Cooperative Application for Director Form by the close of business on December 20, 2022.

The process for director elections is outlined in the bylaws of the Cooperative.

All potential candidates must declare their intention to be placed on the ballot by submitting a completed Application Form and

be declared qualified for placement on the ballot by the Qualifications and Election Committee (Q&E Committee). No write-in candidates shall be deemed valid.

The bylaws direct the Board of Directors to appoint a Qualifications and Election (Q&E) Committee consisting of one Member from each of the Director Districts which is not up for election. It shall be the responsibility of the Q&E Committee to review all of the applications submitted and to determine that all candidates meet the stated qualifications.

The Committee will notify any potential candidate that does not meet the qualifications and allow seven days for the candidate to comply with said requirements. The decisions of the Q&E Committee will be final.

The Committee will have the authority to place qualified candidates on the ballot for election, and for any district in which there is only one candidate, waive the ballot process and declare the candidate elected.

The Qualifications & Election Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least 75 days before the meeting the list of qualified candidates for director elections. If no Member from a district up for election is placed on the ballot, said position shall be deemed vacant following the annual meeting and the Board of Directors may appoint a Member from said district to fill said position until the next annual meeting and election of directors.

For complete director election information, qualifications and requirements, please visit [www.meeker.coop](http://www.meeker.coop). Under the Member Services tab on the left at the top of the home page, select "download forms" to find the packet or contact Mary Alice Holm at 320-693-3231 to request one be mailed to you.

## FIND YOUR LOCATION NUMBER

Four location numbers are hidden within this *Pioneer* and four more in articles published on our website between now and the next *Pioneer* mailing. If you find your number and claim it by **calling** Meeker Co-operative before **October 31st**, you will have a \$10 credit to your account! When you call and verify your information is correct in our system, you will also receive an additional bill credit equal to one month's output from a Member Solar Panel.



## Receive Outage Texts!



Sign up to receive texts when an outage occurs in your area.  
Go to: [www.meeker.coop/outagetext](http://www.meeker.coop/outagetext)

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Meeker Co-op's  
88th Annual Meeting**

**Monday, April 24th, 2023  
at 9:00 a.m.**

Business Only Meeting  
at Meeker Headquarters.

## COVER STORY

### CONTINUED FROM COVER

Along with pumpkins, they grow six squash varieties including acorn, Hubbard, butternut, carnival, delicata, and buttercup, which is also the most popular. Kevin talked about the many ways people prepare this golden-fleshed vegetable. He mentioned Betty used to cut acorn squash in half and fill the center with ground beef and bake them. Some people will cube squash and put it in soup, while others will prepare it with maple syrup and brown sugar.

Kevin says they have a lot of deer that enjoy the pumpkins, to his dismay. He lets the weeds grow in the patches amongst the vines: The deer can't find the squash and pumpkins as easily. The neighbors do their best to harvest the deer in the fall, but the property is surrounded by ideal habitat and there is an abundance of deer around.



Kevin grew up on a dairy farm near Ortonville, Minnesota. He didn't want to milk cows anymore so he went into the Military after he graduated from High School. After the Service, Kevin applied at 3M in Alexandria, but ended up in Hutchinson where he worked for 36 years. He met his wife, Betty, at 3M, too.

Kevin and Betty decided to start a small hobby farm while they were both working at 3M. They started with cattle and horses, but the costs were rising and they were doing a lot of work for very little return. That's when they decided they would get into Produce like squash, pumpkins, potatoes, onions, and apples.

The property came with two apple trees. Kevin added fifty more the year they decided to go that direction. He would add ten or so each year until they now have

160 trees with about a dozen varieties of apples including State Fair, Honeycrisp, Zestar, Haralson, Honey Gold and others. "The State Fair variety was developed by the U of M and they are ready early, by the State Fair," Kevin tells us.

Kevin runs irrigation lines to each tree in the orchard. He can water a section of trees at a time and turn the water off at individual trees if needed.

Betty will make apple sauce, dilly beans, and will can other fruits and vegetables, but one thing they sell a lot of at the Farmer's Markets is Betty's apple crisp. She sells it in aluminum pie tins. "It's really popular," she says.

During the season, August through October, K&B Kreeside Orchard store is open Sunday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The first Saturday in October is their open house where they also offer bars, cookies, apple juice, and coffee.

People can buy a wide variety of produce including White Spanish and Red Zepelin onions, Kennebec and Russet potatoes, tomatoes, pumpkins, squash, gourds, raspberries, and of course all of their apple varieties.

You will also find a wall of décor items for sale, including pine trees that Kevin carves. It really feels like

Fall when you walk into the store.

Kevin and Betty said they sell their apples to the Litchfield and Hutchinson schools, and they are also working with Family Fare to sell their squash. "I also haul pumpkins to a nursery in St. Cloud. They will take all the pumpkins I bring them."

Kevin and Betty have been Meeker Co-operative members for over forty years. Kevin also serves on the Co-op's Board of Directors. "It's interesting being a board member. You learn a lot and you meet a lot of nice people. Now they are coming out with electric cars and that's going to be another big thing."

VIBRANT Broadband Internet and phone services were installed at their home in December of 2019. "That's one of the best things that we decided to do as a



board was offer VIBRANT. There was a heck of a demand during the pandemic. It's good for the community and for the Co-op," Kevin states.

The Issendorfs are no longer *Dreaming of Streaming*. They have become quite adept at streaming recently. "When we first started streaming, we had some issues with Hulu. After switching streaming devices to a Roku, we didn't have the issues any longer. Hulu finally admitted to us that the Hulu app didn't work well with the Amazon FireTV Stick we had. Now it works great."



Kevin says people love the local, home-grown produce. "You wouldn't believe how many people have told us they like our apples and squash. They would tell me they bought apples from the grocery store and they were really soft. You have to realize the temperature of the store. You don't know how long the apples have been sitting in the store or on the truck." Betty adds, "You also don't know where they came from."

Kevin says, "I like doing this. You're outside and you meet a lot of people. You've got to enjoy what you're doing, otherwise you wouldn't do it, I guess." K&B Kreeside Orchard is a fun little orchard to check out in the late summer and early fall.



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## MEEKER COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC TRUST GRANT RECIPIENTS



### Community Service

Chamber of Commerce, Litchfield...	\$850
Crow River Trail Guards .....	\$700
Darwin Tourism & Promotions Committee .....	\$500
Fire Department, Watkins .....	\$2,000
Historical Society, Dassel .....	\$1,200
Kimball Days .....	\$500
Knights of Columbus #11345 .....	\$500
Rescue Squad, Litchfield .....	\$3,000
Songs of Summer Festival .....	\$1,000
Trail Assn., Meeker County .....	\$1,000

### Education and Youth

DC Rec Center Ice Arena	
Fund-Raising Committee .....	\$500
SWWC Foundation for Innovation in Education .....	\$1,000
True Friends and Friendship Ventures .....	\$1,500

### K-12 Teachers Working Cooperatively with Others Grant

Dassel-Cokato Middle School .....	\$3,500
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**Total..... \$17,750**



**Community born.  
Community led.  
Focused on YOU.**

October is  
National Co-op Month!

## WILLIE WIREDHAND'S ELECTRICITY FUN FACT



**According to Google, the energy it takes to  
conduct 100 searches on its site is equivalent to  
a 60-watt light bulb burning for 28 minutes.**

**VIBRANT  
Good Neighbor  
Day**

**Drive through for a FREE GIFT!**

**THANK YOU** for your patience and  
understanding during the construction  
of VIBRANT Broadband *Rip Snort'n FAST*  
fiber-optic Internet.

Swing on in for a carton of Sparboe eggs and  
some cheese as our thank you from Meeker  
Cooperative and VIBRANT Broadband.

**September 28th**

**4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Meeker Cooperative  
1725 HWY 12 E, Litchfield.

Please enter from Highway 12.

# VIBRANT Questions?

**Q: Can I get VIBRANT at my house?**

**A:** If you live in the VIBRANT Zone, yes you can! Call **693-3231** and talk with Bo or Nathan for more information.

**Q: When can I sign up?**

**A:** You can sign up today!

**Q: Do you offer cable TV?**

**A:** VIBRANT Broadband does not sell TV packages. We recommend a solution to replace your cable or satellite TV with streaming. You might even find you'll save money!

**Q: How can I find out about streaming?**

**A:** We are offering our VIBRANT-U Dreaming of Streaming presentations in September and October. Look for

them announced on our Facebook page. We also have information about streaming on our website at:

[vibrantbroadband.com/streaming](http://vibrantbroadband.com/streaming)

**Q: Do you have phone service?**

**A:** YES! Our residential phone service is **only \$19.95/mo** (plus taxes and fees) and includes voicemail, call waiting, three-way calling, unlimited long distance, and more! We also offer customized Business VoIP packages with robust features.

**Q: Is it hard to switch to VIBRANT?**

**A:** We make it easy! We will help you every step of the way, including making sure your devices are connected to your new *Rip Snort'n* FAST VIBRANT Internet!

**Q: Is there help for low-income families?**

**A:** Yes, VIBRANT Broadband works with the FCC offering the Affordable Connectivity Program to help low-income households pay for Internet service. Information is available on our website at [vibrantbroadband.com](http://vibrantbroadband.com)



## STREAMING DEVICE RECOMMENDATIONS

Even if you have a Smart TV, you're better off using a streaming device. Here are two recommendations. The one you choose will depend on your comfort level with technology. # 16-07-101

If you want a demonstration for either device, attend one of our "Dreaming of Streaming" events or stop in the Co-op and we would be more than happy to answer your streaming questions.

**DIRECTV**  
stream

[directv.com](http://directv.com)



- Familiar cable / satellite channel guide
- Can add popular apps (Netflix, HBO, Disney+)
- Familiar style remote control with numbers
- \$120/device (\$10/mo for 12 months)

**ROKU**

[roku.com](http://roku.com)



- Open platform with app style interface
- Hundreds of channel apps, incl. DirecTV Stream
- Simple remote control
- \$40 to \$100/device (more choices)

## VIBRANT Review

*"I was very impressed with my set up service. The technician was a gentleman, took his shoes off, and was only there about an hour. I was told it would be 2.5 hours. He located my other items from [my previous provider] that I needed to send back and wrapped them up neatly for me. He gave me the welcome booklet and said if I needed help with anything else to let him know. Quick service and he left things nice and neat." – Kristy J*



**Get a \$25 bill credit for everyone you refer to VIBRANT Broadband!**

If you are a current VIBRANT Broadband subscriber or Meeker Cooperative Member and you refer someone who signs up for VIBRANT Broadband and lists you as their referrer, you will receive \$25 credit on your account.

**It's easy! Read the details at**  
[vibrantbroadband.com/sharevibrant](http://vibrantbroadband.com/sharevibrant)

**or call us at 320-693-3231.**



## NON-SUMMER RATES

The non-summer electric rate is in effect from Sept. 1 through May 31. Your rate change depends on which electric service you are connected with: single or three-phase. You can see our rates on the website at [www.meeker.coop/rates](http://www.meeker.coop/rates)

Your September usage will be reflected on your October bill. Contact us at 320-693-3231 if you have questions about your energy use or our energy efficiency and rebates. We have programs that help reduce your energy cost and could save you hundreds of dollars a year.



## Monitored smoke detectors make a difference.

**WHEN FIRE OR SMOKE HAPPENS, OUR RESPONSE CENTER IS NOTIFIED AND CONTACTS YOU OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RIGHT AWAY.**

You can't hear a smoke alarm go off if you're not home. As part of a monitored security system, smoke detectors alert you before it's too late.



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888.264.6380 [heartlandss.com](http://heartlandss.com)

## THE COLD WEATHER RULE MAY NOT PROTECT YOU IF YOU ARE BEHIND ON YOUR ELECTRIC BILL



The Cold Weather Rule was adopted to protect some people from having their primary source of electric heat disconnected between October 1 and April 30. However, this law doesn't mean there won't be disconnections.

Minnesota's Cold Weather Rule (216B.096) states that electric service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment between October 1 and April 30 if electricity is the primary heat source and ALL of the following statements apply:

- Your household income is at or below 50% of the state median household income. Income may be verified on forms provided by Meeker Cooperative or by the local energy assistance provider. # 28-20-201
- You enter into and make reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.
- You receive referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation or other programs likely to reduce your energy bills from Meeker Cooperative.

If you are behind in your payments and are counting on the Cold Weather Rule to protect you from making payments during

the winter, think again. Meeker Cooperative will be doing disconnects this winter in accordance with law.

### Meeker Cooperative will provide:

- A 30-day notice of disconnection;
- A statement of members' rights and responsibilities;
- A list of local energy assistance providers;
- Forms on which to request Cold Weather Rule protection; and
- A statement explaining available payment plans and other options to continue service.

It is up to you to make payment arrangements or seek assistance to avoid disconnection. Please don't wait. The sooner you contact us, the greater the chance you will have electricity all winter. Call 320-693-3231 for details about applying for shut-off protection or making a payment arrangement.

Look for the Cold Weather Rule & Shut-Off Protection form on the [meeker.coop/download-forms](http://meeker.coop/download-forms) web page.

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

### Kandiyohi, McLeod & Meeker Counties

#### United Community Action Partnership

PO Box 1359,  
200 4th St. SW  
Willmar, MN 56201

218 Main St. S.,  
Suite 108,  
Hutchinson, MN 55350  
Toll free:  
(800) 992-1710  
Willmar:  
(320) 235-0850  
Hutchinson:  
(320) 587-5244

### McLeod County area

#### McLeod County Social Service Center

1805 Ford Ave. N.  
Glencoe, MN 55336  
(320) 864-3144  
(320) 484-4330

Toll free:  
(800) 247-1756

### Renville County area

#### United Community Action Partnership

500 E. DePue Ave.  
Olivia, MN 56277  
(320) 523-1842  
(800) 363-2533

### Wright County area

#### Wright County Community Action

130 West  
Division Street  
Maple Lake, MN 55358  
(320) 963-6500

### Stearns County area

#### Stearns Tri-County Action Programs

1210 23rd Ave. So.  
P.O. Box 683  
Waite Park, MN 56387  
(320) 251-1612  
(888) 765-5597

## Featured Recipe

## Chicken Wild Rice Hotdish

Congratulations to **Cindy Unterberger** for submitting this issue's winning recipe for Wild Rice.

- 3/4 cup wild rice, rinsed
- 1/4 cup white rice
- 2-3 cups diced, cooked chicken
- 1/4 cup pimento
- 1/3 cup green pepper
- 1/3 cup onion
- 1/3 cup celery
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1-1/2 cup Borden's evaporated milk
- 4 tbsp butter (1/2 stick)
- 5 tbsp flour
- 1 cup chicken broth
- Chopped garlic or garlic powder, to taste
- Salt and pepper
- 1 box fresh mushrooms  
(can use 1 large can sliced mushroom, drained)

1. Precook rice according to package directions (Note: I usually let the wild rice cook for about 15 minutes then add the white rice to it and finish cooking).
2. Sauté green pepper, onion, celery and fresh or canned mushrooms in 2 Tbsp butter. Add to rice along with pimento and chicken.
3. In a medium sauce pan, melt 4 tbsp butter, add flour and blend well. Add broth and milk and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add salt, pepper and garlic to sauce.
4. Fold sauce and rice mixture together. Put in greased 9x13 pan or large glass bowl (Corningware/Pyrex).
5. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes.



Submit your favorite Leftover Turkey Dish for our next issue! Please include a photo if you are able.

The chosen winner will receive a \$10 credit to their account. DEADLINE: October 21, 2022.

Email to: [szeppellin@meeker.coop](mailto:szeppellin@meeker.coop) | Mail to: Meeker Coop, ATTN: Shane 1725 US Hwy 12 E, Ste 100, Litchfield, MN 55355

## AVOID SCAMS!



If you receive an urgent call demanding payment or your electricity will be shut off in a short time:

1. NEVER GIVE PAYMENT INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE
2. HANG UP!
3. CALL MEEKER CO-OP (320-693-3231) TO VERIFY

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 /meeker.coop  
 /vibrantbb.net

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We are posting more articles on our website in-between issues of the *Pioneer*.

Go to [www.meeker.coop/news](http://www.meeker.coop/news) to stay up to date and browse our Classifieds!

## IS YOUR ACCOUNT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE?

Please take a moment to update your information.

Visit our website:

[www.meeker.coop/update-my-info](http://www.meeker.coop/update-my-info)  
or call us at 320-693-3231.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Brad Donnay, President — District 3

Luxemburg, Maine Prairie,  
South Maine Prairie in Stearns;  
Forest Prairie in Meeker

#### Mark Larson, Vice President — District 6

Harrison, Kandiyohi, Genessee, Fahlun,  
Lake Elizabeth, E. Lake Lillian in Kandiyohi;  
Cosmos, Acton, Danielson, Swede Grove  
in Meeker; Brookfield, Boon Lake in Renville

#### Larry Huhn, Secretary — District 8

Darwin, Ellsworth in Meeker

#### Paul Bugbee, Treasurer — District 1

Roseville, Irving in Kandiyohi;  
Paynesville in Stearns;  
Union Grove in Meeker

#### Karen Becker — District 2

Eden Lake in Stearns;  
Harvey, Manannah in Meeker

#### Kevin Issendorf — District 4

Litchfield, Greenleaf in Meeker

#### Stephen Plaisance — District 5

Fairhaven in Stearns;  
Cokato, Southside, French Lake in Wright;  
Dassel in Meeker

#### Randy Bryant — District 7

Collinwood, Cedar Mills in Meeker;  
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# Meeker Cooperative

Light and Power Association

## SEEKING MEMBERS FOR NEXT CO-OP 101 GROUP

Meeker Cooperative's Co-op 101 is a member education series that covers topics such as where your electricity comes from, how the Co-op obtains financing, how politics impact business, what tools a lineman uses, what happens at a substation, and more.

The Co-op 101 group is open to three members from each district (husband and wife count as one member) on a two-year rotation. They meet quarterly (February, May, August, and November) from 7-9 pm on the

third Tuesday. Participants receive a \$50 stipend plus IRS-approved rate for mileage for each meeting attended. There will be some walking for various activities. # 27-07-302

Interested in participating? Fill out the form and return it to Mary Alice Holm by December 9, 2022. Directors will appoint participants and you will be contacted if you are selected to be a member of the 2023-2024 Co-op 101 Member Group.

### Co-op 101 Member Information

Complete this form and return it to the Co-op by December 9th, 2022.  
This is a two-year commitment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-op District \_\_\_\_\_ No. Yrs. as Co-op Member \_\_\_\_\_

#### Cooperative programs member participates in (mark all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycled Air Conditioning | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Fuel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Peak Shave      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-Bill                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Operation Round Up    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Heating   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACH                     | <input type="checkbox"/> VIBRANT Broadband     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellspring Wind |
| (Auto Payment Plan)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Member Solar Project  | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storage Heat            | <input type="checkbox"/> Storage Water Heating | <input type="checkbox"/> Other           |

**Please return by mail to:** Meeker Cooperative, Attn: Mary Alice Holm,  
1725 U.S. Hwy. 12 E., Suite 100, Litchfield, MN 55355.

Or simply drop off in the office. --Do NOT mail with bill payment.--

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